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LUSAKA, DECEMBER 10 -- THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED
IN TODAY'S ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED NEWSPAPER:

NO MATTER WHAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MAY WANT US TO BELIEVE,
THA TALKS ON RHODESIA IN GENEVA HAVE REACHED A STAGE
WHERE THERE IS JUST NO MOVEMENT.

THE PATRIOTIC FRONT OF MR. JOSHUA NKOMO AND MR. ROBERT
MUGABE ON THE ONE HAND AND DELEGATIONS OF REBEL LEADER IAN
SMITH, BISHOP MUZOREWA AND THE REVEREND NDABANINGI
SITHOLE ON THE OTHER HAVE PRESENTED THEIR CASES.

THERE IS NOW NO MOVEMENT BECAUSE FROM THE BEGINNING THE
BRITISH GOVERNMENT JUST DID NOT HAVE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS
OF THEIR OWN.

THERE IS NO MOVEMENT AT GENEVA BECAUSE THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT HAD HOPED TO GET A SOLUTION BY GETTING THE
FIVE DELEGATIONS TO GIVE IN ON SOME OF THEIR POSITIONS.

AND THERE IS NO MOVEMENT BECAUSE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT
HAVE FAILED TO FIND A COMMON GROUND ON WHICH TO BASE A
COMPROMISE SOLUTION.

AND BECAUSE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE ALL ALONG NOT
MADE ANY DECISION OF THEIR OWN ON THE FUTURE OF RHODESIA,
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IT IS NOW QUITE CLEAR THAT THEY HAVE BEEN BUYING TIME.

BUT THERE IS NO LONGER MUCH TIME TO PLAY WITH BETWEEN
TODAY DECEMBER 10, 1976 AND TEN DAYS HENCE DECEMBER 20,
1976 WHEN THE DELEGATION HAVE BEEN TOLD THE TALKS MUST
END.

BARRING A MIRACLE AND POLITICAL MIRACLES HAVE CEASED
TO HAPPEN OVER RHODESIA, THE TALKS WILL DEFINITELY
ADJOURN WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A COLLAPSE.

THIS IS BECAUSE THE AFRICAN DELEGATIONS WILL NOT WANT TO
RETURN TO A CONFERENCE WHERE THEY WILL BE INSULTED BY, OF
ALL PEOPLE, RACIST PIETER VAN DER BYL WHO IS NOTHING MORE
THAN A POLITICAL THUG.

IT IS BECAUSE SMITH HAS SENSED THAT THE BRITISH HAVE NOT
YET DECIDED ON THE FUTURE OF THEIR REBEL COLONY THAT HE
HAS BEEN PLAYING WITH WORDS DEMANDING FULL IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE SO-CALLED KISSINGER PACKAGE WHICH DR. KISSINGER
SAYS ONLY EXISTS IN THE FERTILE MIND OF SMITH.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL BE HOLDING TALKS WITH DR.
KISSINGER IN LONDON THIS WEEKEND.

FOR REASONS BEST KNOWN TO THEMSELVES, THE AMERICANS ARE
STILL SUPPORTING THE INCONGRUOUS COUNCIL OF STATE PROPOSAL
DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE COUNCIL OF STATE PROPOSAL WAS
THE BRITISH BRAINCHILD.

DR. KISSINGER CAN PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN MAKING THE
TALKS TO MOVE ONTO A MORE HOPEFUL NOTE THAN IS THE CASE
TODAY.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE DECISION ON THE FUTURE OF
RHODESIA WHICH HAS BEEN DEFERRED BY BOTH WASHINGTON AND
LONDON WILL FINALLY BE MADE IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON
THIS WEEKEND.

WASHINGTON AND LONDON SHOULD FIND THAT DECISION EASIER
AND MORE ACCEPTABLE IF THEY ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THE
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COUNCIL OF STATE WAS ONLY NECESSARY WHEN THE BRITISH REFUSED
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND NOT
NOW WHEN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.

WASHINGTON AND LONDON MUST ALSO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT MEANS A BLACK MAJORITY WHICH WILL
LEAD TO INDEPENDENCE FOR ZIMBABWE AND NOT A BLACK AND

WHITE GOVERNMENT LEADING TO MAJORITY RULE WITHOUT
INDEPENDENCE.

THIS IS WHAT SMITH IS SIMPLYING WHEN HE IS PLAYING ABOUT
WITH WORDS TO A WORLD HE HAS GOT USED TO CHEAT.

WASHINGTON AND LONDON SHOULD REALISE THAT AFRICAN
NATIONALISTS ARE SERIOUS. IT IS BECAUSE THEY ARE SERIOUS
THAT THEY HAVE BROUGHT THE COMMANDERS TO THE TALKS TO
ENSURE DECISIONS MADE ARE BINDING ON ALL.

BUT WASHINGTON AND LONDON CANHELP THE SITUATION IF
THEY MAKE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THEY HAVE DECIDED TO GET THE
TALKS FINISHED BY DECEMBER 20, 1976 AND FIRM
COMMITMENTS TOWARDS A BLACK-DOMINATED INTERIM GOVERNMENT
WHICH WILL LEAD THE COUNTRY TO INDEPENDENCE.

SMITH, DESPITE HIS PRETENSIONS, KNOWNS HIS DAYS ARE
NUMBERED. HE WILL BE THE FIRST TO GIVE IN IF HE SEES
AMERICAN AND BRITISH DETERMINATION TO END THE WHOLE
BUSINESS.

LET THIS WEEKEND BE ONE OF THOSE WHICH WILL GO IN
HISTORY AS HAVING SEALED THE FATE OF RACISM AND THE
BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE OF
ZIMBABWE.

WASHINGTON AND LONDON CANNOT AFFORD TO FAIL THE MAJORITY
IN SOUTHERB AFRICA BECAUSE THE CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE
WILL BE AN UNIMAGINABLE CATSTROPHE IN WHICH THEY WILL
END UP BEING THE MAJOR PARTICIPANTS.

WE HOPE DR. KISSINGER AND MR. CALLAGHAN WILL SHOW RACIST
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THAT THEY HAVZ HAD THEIR TIME AND THAT IT IS TIME FOR
PEACE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

WE HOPE THEY WILL ALSO LISTEN CAREFULL TO ONE OF THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS, MR. NKOMO, IF AND WHEN HE MAKES
HIMSELF AVAILABLE TO THEM.
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